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SUMMARY

There have been frequent reports of a possible split in Chinese Communist Party leadership along ideological lines between groups who have spent some time in the USSR and those whose experience has been entirely in China and whose interests are therefore said to be more nationalistic. The return of Li Li-san from Moscow to Manchuria in September 1945 gave possible justification to reports of such a split between Li and his Moscow-oriented group and Mao Tse-tung and his associates. However, a study based upon pertinent biographic data does not provide any indications of a present split along these lines. An examination of the members of the Politburo and Central Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party shows that 8 of the 12 members of the Politburo and 21 of the 41 active members of the Central Executive Committee have spent an appreciable amount of time in the USSR, and include such high-ranking Communists as party elders Chu Te, Chou En-lai, Tung Pi-wu, and Lin Tsu-han, as well as Deputy Chairman Liu Shao-ch'i and party agricultural expert Jen Pi-shih. The last two have been reported by an untried source as especially close associates of Mao Tse-tung. All but six of the group who spent some time in the USSR were there in the late 1920's or at least before 1932. Though it is possible that certain important Communists may have been in the USSR for short periods without there being records of their visits, it seems reasonable to assume that they could not remain for long without having been noted as absent from their posts. If Li Li-san, who has been in the Soviet Union since 1931, returned to Manchuria with Chinese associates, their presence is not reflected in the membership of the top-level Politburo, most of whose members have been in that organization for some time.

Three names appeared on a list of members of the Politburo in December 1946 that had not been on the previous list of 1945. The new appointments, Kao Kang, Ch'en Yun, and P'eng Chen were all holding positions in Manchuria. According to available information, none had been outside of China, though Kao Kang is reported to be a member of a "pro-Soviet faction close to Li Li-san". The Seventh Congress elected 12 new members of the Central Committee. Of the 12, 4 were later stationed in Manchuria. Six of the 12 new members had never been outside of China, while 2 -- Li Li-san and Jao Shu-shih -- had spent considerable time in the Soviet Union. The history of the remaining 4 is unknown.

In contrast to the top-ranking Chinese Communists who have been for a time in the USSR (21 of the 41 active member of the Central Executive Committee), 14 of the active members including Mao Tse-tung have never been out of China and the history of 6 is unknown. On the Politburo, 5 members have never been out of China and 6 have studied in the USSR and elsewhere, while one studied in Germany.

Membership in the party has been a long one, with only one or two active members of the Central Executive Committee having been in the party less than fourteen years, while 12 of the 41 active member of the Central Executive Committee and half of the Politburo have been in the party for more than twenty-five years. Of the 21 active members who are known to have spent some time in the USSR, all but two have been associated with the Mao Tse-tung leadership since the repudiation of Li Li-san in 1931. The majority of the group are now somewhere in North Shensi. Thus the party leadership seems to be firmly in the hands of veterans who engaged in the controversy over the policy advocated by Li Li-san in the late 1920's, made the Long March together, and have worked together under the leadership of Mao Tse-tung for some seventeen years, and any newer group which may surround Li Li-san has not as yet penetrated deeply into the top ranks of the party.

I. THE POLITBURO

The Politburo (the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee) of the Chinese Communist Party, generally credited with being the policy-forming body of the party, consists of 12 members. Three members now hold positions in Manchuria while the other 9 are in North China, probably in North Shensi.

The educational background of the members of the Politburo is almost equally divided between those who are students returned from the USSR and those who received their entire education in China. However, though only 6 have studied in the USSR, 2 others have visited there at various times. It is of note that with the exception of P'eng Te-huai, who has been reported as having been in the Soviet Union in 1946 for a military conference, only one of those who have lived in the Soviet Union has been there since 1932.

Although the 5 members from Hunan Province, the native province of Mao Tse-tung, are the largest group from any one province in the Politburo, Central China has contributed 2, Eastern China 3, and North China 2. The average age of the members is 52, although the majority (8) are in the age group 46-50. All have been members of the Chinese Communist Party for at least twenty-one years, while 6 members have belonged to the party over twenty-five years.

MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

MAO Tse-tung	Chairman of the Politburo
LIU Shao-ch'i	Deputy Chairman of the Politburo
JEN Pi-shih	Member of the Politburo in charge of agricultural matters
LIN Tsu-han	Former chairman of the Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia Border Region
TUNG Pi-wu	Chairman of Relief and Rehabilitation of Chinese Communist Liberated Areas
CH'EN Yun	Northeast Railroad Bureau Director
CHU Te	Commander in Chief of the Communist Army
CHOU En-lai	Former liaison chief with foreigners
K'ANG Sheng	Chief of the Central Political Security Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party
P'ENG Te-huai	Deputy Commander in Chief of the Communist Army
KAO Kang	Commander of the North Manchurian military area
P'ENG Chen	Secretary General of the Chinese Communist Party's Northeast Bureau

I. (continued) THE POLITBURO -- BACKGROUND OF MEMBERS

	Birthplace	Age	Family Origin	Years Member of Party	Education	Residence in USSR	Present Location
MAO Tse-tung	Hunan	55	poor peasant	27	Chinese	None	North China
CHU Te	Szechuan	62	poor peasant	26	Chinese German	1926	North China
LIU Shao-ch'i	Hunan	48	landlord	26	Chinese Russian	1919-21	North China
CHOU En-lai	Kiangsu	50	landlord	27	Japanese French Russian	1927-30	North China
JEN Pi-shih	Hunan	49	landlord	26	Chinese Russian	1919-21	North China
K'ANG Sheng	Shantung	49	unknown	23	Chinese Russian	mid-1930's	North China
LIN Tsu-han	Hunan	66	landlord	23	Japanese Russian	1927-31	North China
P'ENG Te-huai	Hunan	48	landlord	21	Chinese	possibly 1946	North China
TUNG Pi-wu	Hupei	61	landlord	27	Japanese Russian	1928-32	North China
KAO Kang	Shensi	46	poor peasant	22	Chinese	None	Manchuria
CH'EN Yun	Kiangsu	47	unknown	24	Chinese	None	Manchuria
P'ENG Chen	Shansi	49	unknown	22	Chinese	None	Manchuria

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II. THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Central Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party has a membership of 77 -- 44 active members and 33 alternates.* Four members have died since their election at the last Party Congress in April 1945. Since the founding of the Chinese Communist Party in 1921, seven Party Congresses have been held at irregular intervals. All but the sixth, held in Moscow in August 1928, met in China. Seventeen years then elapsed before the Seventh Congress of 1945 which reelected Mao Tse-tung to the Chairmanship which he had held since 1936. The Committee membership was largely a reelected one though the scarcity of available records makes any precise statements on this point impossible. Twelve members were new to the Committee; of these 7 were former political commissars with military experience and 4 were purely military leaders.

Twenty-eight of the active and alternate members of the Central Executive Committee are now in North China, 12 are in Manchuria, 11 are in Central China (including Shantung), 2 are in South China, and the present location of 20 is unknown. Twenty-six of the 73 living members of the Committee have resided for a time in the USSR, all but 6 of them before 1932, but of this number 14 have had study or residence elsewhere abroad. Of the 26 who have been in the USSR, 13 hold positions in North China while 3 are in Manchuria, one in Central China, and the location of 4 is unknown. In contrast, 21 of the total members of the Central Executive Committee have never been out of China and 5 of these are now working in Manchuria.

The greatest number from any one province (25) are from Hunan. Twenty-six are from Central China, 17 are from provinces north of the 1938 course of the Yellow River, and 5 are from Kwangsi and Kwangtung.

The largest number in any one age group are in the group 41-45 (29). This figure is slightly below the age of 46 found to be the average age for Communist leaders throughout the world. All but 3 of the members of the Central Executive Committee have been in the party from 14 to 25 years while 12 have been in the party for over 25 years.

The family background of 47 members of the Central Executive Committee is unknown, but of those whose backgrounds are known, most claim to come from rural areas. Because of the difficulty of defining the family backgrounds in understandable terms, no analysis of this factor has been made. The descriptions of "poor peasant" or "landlord" or "rich peasant" families used in the following sketches are descriptions given by the Chinese Communists themselves and would not necessarily correspond with western definitions. In contrast to the West, as would be expected, few claim origins from the class of industrial workers.

*If the voting system in the Chinese Communist Party is the same as that of the USSR Communist Party, active members vote while alternate members attend meetings but do not vote.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF MEMBERS
(Listed in order of number of votes received)

MAO TSE-TUNG 毛澤東

Chairman, Central Executive Committee, Chinese Communist Party; member, Politburo; member, Secretariat; Chairman, Military Council. Born 1893, Hunan of a poor peasant family. Received entire education in China. On of the founders of the Chinese Communist Party, 1921. Member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, 1935. Leader of the Kiangsi Soviet; participated in the Long March; most likely has never been out of China.

CHU TE 朱德

Commander in Chief, Peoples Liberation Armies; member of the Central Executive Committee; member of the Politburo; member of the Secretariat; Vice-Chairman of the Military Council. Born 1886, Szechuan of a tenant farmer family; one-time KMT member; joined the Chinese Communist Party in Germany in 1922; after early education in China studied in Germany; has travelled in Europe and the USSR (said to have studied at the Eastern Toilers University, Moscow). Connected with the Kiangsi Soviet; made the Long March; presumably at present in northwestern Shensi.

LIU SHAO-CH'I 刘少奇

Vice-Chairman, Central Executive Committee; member of the Politburo; member of the Secretariat. Born c. 1900, Hunan of a rich peasant family. Studied in China and at the Far Eastern University, Moscow; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1922; labor organizer in the 1920's. Connected with the Kiangsi Soviet; made the Long March; presumably at present in northwestern Shensi.

JEN PI-SHIH 任弼時

Member, Central Executive Committee since at least 1928; member, Politburo; member, Secretariat; born 1899, Hunan of a rich farmer family; studied in China and at the Far Eastern University, Moscow; member of the Chinese Communist Party by 1922. Connected with the Kiangsi Soviet; presumably now in northwestern Shensi.

LIN TSU-HAN (Lin Pai-chu) 林祖涵

Member of the Central Executive Committee since at least 1928; member, Politburo. Chairman, Shen-Kan-Ning Border Region. Born 1882, Hunan of a rich landlord and scholar family; studied in Japan; friend of Sun Yat-sen and a chrter member of the Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party c. 1925. In Russia, 1927-31, where he founded the Chinese Workers School, Khabarovsk; connected with the Wuhan Government and with the Kiangsi Soviet; made the Long March; presumably at present in northwestern Shensi.

LIN PIAO 林彪

Member, Central Executive Committee; Commander in Chief, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1908, Hupei of a small factory-owner family; Chinese-educated (Whampoa Military Academy). Joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1925; former member of the Kuomintang; made the Long March; in Moscow for medical treatment, 1938-41; member of the Central Executive Committee since 1940; presently in Manchuria.

TUNG PI-WU 董必武

Member, Central Executive Committee since 1921; member, Politburo. Born 1887, Hupei of a landlord family; member, Tungmenhui; Japanese-educated. Made the Long March; connected with the Kiangsi Soviet; studied in Russia, 1928-1932; presumably in North China.

CH'EN YUN 陳雲

Member, Central Executive Committee; member, Politburo. Born 1901, Kiangsu; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1924; made the Long March; never been abroad; now in Manchuria.

HSU HSIANG-CH'IEN 徐向前

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military District. Born 1902, Shansi of a scholar-landlord family; Chinese-educated. Joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; made the Long March; no mention of Hsu's belonging to the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; evidently has never been abroad; presumably now in the Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Region.

CH'EN T'AN-CH'IU 陳潭秋

Member, Central Executive Committee; reportedly imprisoned by the Kuomintang.

KAO KANG 高崗

Member, Central Executive Committee since before 1945; member, Politburo since 1945; preparatory member, Secretariat; commander, North Manchurian Military Area. Born 1902, Shensi of a poor peasant family; former member of the Kuomintang; no formal education; has never been abroad; one of the founders of the Soviet in Shensi before the arrival of the main Communist group; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; now presumably in Manchuria.

LI FU-CH'UN 李富春

Member, Central Executive Committee since at least 1940; born 1901, Hunan; French-educated; former member of the Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1923; made the Long March; present whereabouts unknown.

JAO SHU-SHIH 饒漱石

Member, Central Executive Committee, elected April 1945; political commissioner. Born 1901, Kiangsi; former member of the Kuomintang; French and Russian-educated; has visited the United States; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1925; present whereabouts unknown; probably in Central China.

LI LI-SAN 李立三

Member, Central Executive Committee; Political and/or Foreign Affairs Adviser to General Lin Piao. Born 1900, Hunan of a poor peasant family; French-educated; formed the French branch of the Chinese Communist Party, 1921; elected member of the Central Executive Committee in 1928 but relieved in 1931; studied and worked in Moscow, 1931-1945; reinstated as member, Central Executive Committee, 1945; connected with the Executive Committee of the Communist International; presently in Manchuria.

LO

LO JUNG-HUAN 羅榮桓

Member, Central Executive Committee since 1945; Deputy Political Commissar, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1903, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; made the Long March; has never been abroad; now in Manchuria.

K'ANG SHENG 康生

Member, Central Executive Committee; member, Politburo; born 1899, Shantung; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1925. Has visited France, Germany and the USSR (the latter in the mid 1930's); member Executive Committee of the Communist International, 1935; member of the Prasedium, ECCI, 1935; member both of the Central Executive Committee and Politburo before 1945; present whereabouts unknown, but presumably in northwestern Shensi.

P'ENG CHEN 彭真

Member, Central Executive Committee; member, Politburo; Chairman, Northeast Politburo in Manchuria; member, Secretariat; Political Commissar, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1899, Shansi; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; has never been abroad; now in Manchuria.

CHANG YUN-I 張雲逸

Member, Central Executive Committee; in 1947 was Vice-Commander of the New 4th Army; born 1897, Kwangsi; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; made the Long March; has never been abroad; probably a member of the Central Executive Committee before 1945; probably in Shantung at present.

HO LUNG 賀龍

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Shansi-Suiyuan Peoples Liberation Army. Born 1887, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party c. 1927; made the Long March; has never been abroad; no formal education; presumably now in the Shansi-Suiyuan Border Region.

CH'EN I 陳毅

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, East China Peoples Liberation Army; born 1898, Szechuan of wealthy landlord family; French-educated; one of the founders of the French branch of the Chinese Communist Party, 1921; did not make the Long March; evidently has never been in the USSR; probably at present in Shantung.

CHOU EN-LAI 周恩來

Member, Central Executive Committee; member, Politburo; member, Military Council. Born 1898, Kiangsu of wealthy gentry; Chinese, Japanese and French-educated; has travelled in Europe; one of the founders of the French branch of the Chinese Communist Party, 1921; in the USSR, 1927-1930; delegate to the 6th Congress of the Comintern; member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International; made the Long March; presumably now in northwestern Shensi.

LIU

LIU PO-CH'ENG 劉伯誠

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Central China Peoples Liberation Army; born 1891, Szechuan of a fairly well-to-do family; Chinese-educated; member, Wuhan Government; in Moscow, 1928-1931; former Kuomintang member; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1926; made the Long March; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945. Presumably at present in Central China.

CHENG WEI-SAN 鄭位三

Member, Central Executive Committee; born 1896, Hupei; former member, Kuomintang; never been abroad; one-time Political Commissar of the 5th Division, New 4th Army; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee until April 1945; present whereabouts unknown.

CHANG WEN-T'IEN 張聞天

Member, Central Executive Committee; probably a member of the Politburo; born 1898, Kiangsi of a wealthy farmer family; Chinese, American and Russian-educated. Said to have attended the University of California. Former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; made the Long March; member, Central Executive Committee before April 1945; probably a member of the Politburo before 1945; present whereabouts unknown.

TS'AI CH'ANG, Miss (Mme. Li Fu-chun) 蔡暢

Member, Central Executive Committee; Chairman, Women's Union of the Liberated Areas; born 1900, Hunan; French-educated; joined the French branch of the Chinese Communist Party, 1923; joined the Chinese Communist Party 1924; former member of the Kuomintang; in Moscow in 1923 and again from 1928-32; Chinese Communist Party delegate to the 6th meeting of the Communist International, Moscow, 1928; made the Long March; member of the Central Executive Committee before 1945; delegate to the Conference of the International Federation of Democratic Women, Prague, 1947; presumably travelled to Prague via the USSR; presumably now in Manchuria.

TENG HSIAO-P'ING 鄧小平

Member, Central Executive Committee; Political Commissar for the Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Area; born 1900, Szechuan; former member, Kuomintang; probably French-educated; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1923; made the Long March; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee until April 1945; presumably now in the Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Area.

LU TING-I 陸定一

Member, Central Executive Committee; head of the Publicity Department. Born 1905, Kiangsu of a well-to-do landlord family; Chinese and Russian-educated; in Moscow, 1927-29; Chinese Communist Party delegate, World Communist Youth Meeting, Moscow, 1928; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1924; member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; present whereabouts unknown.

TSENG SHENG 曾生

Member of the Central Executive Committee; commander, East River Column. Born c. 1911, Kwangtung; Chinese-educated; probably never abroad; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; probably a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably now either in Kwangtung or Hongkong.

YEH

YEH CHIEN-YING 葉劍英

Member, Central Executive Committee; Chief-of-Staff, Chinese Peoples Liberation Armies; born 1897, Kwangtung of a well-to-do business family; former member, Kuomintang; Chinese and Russian-educated; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; instrumental in the Canton Commune; in the USSR, 1929-31; made the Long March; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably now in northern Shensi.

NIEH JUNG-CHEN 聶榮臻

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Peoples Liberation Army; born 1899, Szechuan; studied in France, Belgium, Germany and the USSR; one of the founders of the French branch of the Chinese Communist Party, 1921; in USSR again, 1927-31 working for the Comintern; wealthy landlord family; probably a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now in North China; made the Long March.

P'ENG TE-HUAI 彭德懷

Member, Central Executive Committee; member, Politburo; deputy commander, Chinese Peoples Liberation Armies; born 1900, Hunan of a well-to-do peasant family; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; Chinese-educated; made the Long March; member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; no record of his being abroad, although he may have been in Moscow in 1946; now in northern Shensi.

TENG TZU-HUI 鄧子恢

Member, Central Executive Committee; Chairman, East China Politburo; born 1903 (?), Hunan (?); former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1926; member, Central Executive Committee since at least 1940; probably never been abroad; probably in Shantung at present.

WU YU-CHANG 吳玉章

Member, Central Executive Committee since at least 1924; born 1877, Szechuan of a landlord family; French and Russian-educated; old Kuomintang member; associated with Sun Yat-sen; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1924; member of the Wuhan Government; toured Europe and the USSR, 1927-37; present whereabouts unknown, but presumably in northern Shensi.

LIN FENG 林楓

Member, Central Executive Committee; Chairman, United Democratic Government, Manchuria; born 1909, Liaoning; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1930; education unknown; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee until April 1945; now in Manchuria.

TENG TAI-YUAN 滕代遠

Member, Central Executive Committee; deputy commander, Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Peoples Liberation Army; born 1905, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1926; has been in the USSR; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably in northern Honan at present.

CHANG

CHANG TING-CH'EN 張鼎丞

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Central China Military District; born 1900, Fukien; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee until April 1945; presumably in northern Kiangsu at present.

LI HSIEN-NIEN 李先念

Member, Central Executive Committee; commander, 5th Division, New 4th Army; born 1907 (?), Hunan of a peasant family; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1929 (?); made the Long March; probably has never been out of China; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee until April 1945; no formal education; presumably in Central China at present.

HSU TE-LI 徐特立

Member, Central Executive Committee; born 1876, Hunan; Chinese, French and Russian-educated; of a poor peasant family; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927. In Moscow, 1928-30; made the Long March; probably a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; probably now in northern Shensi, although possibly in Shanghai.

T'AN CHEN-LIN 譚震林

Member, Central Executive Committee; Deputy Political Commissar, East China Peoples Liberation Army; born 1901, Fukien; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; has never been abroad; did not make the Long March; probably not a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably now in Shantung.

PO I-PO 薄一波

Member, Central Executive Committee; acting commander, Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Peoples Liberation Army; born 1907, Shansi; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; probably was not a member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; education and residence in the USSR unknown; presumably at present in northern Honan (headquarters of the Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan Peoples Liberation Army).

CH'EN SHAO-YU (Wang Ming) 陳紹禹

Member, Central Executive Committee; head, Research Department of the Chinese Communist Party; born 1907, Anhwei of a rich landlord family; Russian-educated, 1925-27; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; in USSR again in 1929-30 and again 1931-38. Did not make the Long March; long associated with Executive Committee of the Communist International; present whereabouts unknown.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY LISTED IN ORDER OF NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED

LIAO CH'ENG-CHIH 廖承志

Alternate member (one source states he is now a full member) of the Central Executive Committee; Director, head office, New China News Agency; born 1908, Tokyo; son of Liao Chung-kai, early Kuomintang revolutionist. Educated in Japan, China, Germany; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; made the Long March; also studied in Moscow c. 1928-32; probably not an alternate member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945. Now in northern Shensi.

WANG CHIA-CHIANG 王稼祥

Alternate member (one source states he is now a full member), Central Executive Committee; born 1907, Anhwei; Chinese and Russian-educated; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1929; made the Long March; former member, Politburo; now reported ill; present whereabouts unknown.

CH'EN PO-TA 陳伯達

Alternate member (one source states he is now a full member), Central Executive Committee; party historian; born 1905, Fukien; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; residence in the USSR is unknown. member, Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably in north Shensi at present.

WANG SHOU-TAO 王首道

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1908, Hunan of a poor peasant family; Chinese-educated; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; made the Long March; has never been abroad; present whereabouts unknown.

LI YU 黎玉

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; Chairman, Shantung Liberated Area; born 1907, Shansi; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1929; has never been abroad; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now in Shantung.

TENG YING-CH'AO (Mme. Chou En-lai) 鄧穎超

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1905, Honan; Chinese-educated; no record of her ever having been outside China; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1925; made the Long March; connected with Central Executive Committee since 1934; presumably at present in north Shensi.

CH'EN SHAO-MIN 陳少敏

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; Head, Industry Department, Kwangtung Bureau; born 1900, Hunan; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1929; did not make the Long March; education and residence in the USSR is unknown; present whereabouts unknown.

LIU HSIAO 劉曉

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1907, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; made the Long March; probably not an alternate member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945. Present whereabouts unknown.

T'AN CHENG 譚政

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1903, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927; made the Long March; probably not an alternate member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945. Present whereabouts unknown.

CH'ENG TZU-HUA 程子華

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Hopei-Jehol-Liaoning Military District; born 1907, Shansi of a middle class farmer family; Chinese-educated; former member of the Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1926; did not make the Long March; probably has never been in the USSR; probably not an alternate member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably now in North China.

LIU CHANG-SHENG 刘長勝

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1904, Kiangsu; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1928; did not make the Long March; education, residence in the USSR and present whereabouts unknown. Probably not on the Central Executive Committee before April 1945.

SU YU 粟裕

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; vice-commander, East China Peoples Liberation Army; born 1905, Hunan; Chinese-educated; probably never in the USSR; probably not an alternate member of the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably at present in Shantung.

WANG CHEN 王震

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, 2nd Column, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1907, Hunan of a poor peasant family; Chinese-educated; former member, Kuomintang; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; made the Long March; has never been abroad probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presently presumably in Central China.

SUNG JEN-CH'IUNG 宋任窮

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Southern Hopei Military District; born 1904, Hunan; former member, Kuomintang; joined Chinese Communist Party in 1928; made the Long March; education and residence in the USSR unknown; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presently in southern Hopei.

CHANG CHI-CHUN (張經武 Chang Kuei-chun)

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1905, Hunan; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1928; made the Long March; other information unknown.

YUN TSE 王首道

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; President, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Government; born 1904, Tumet Banner, Suiyuan Province; Chinese and Russian-educated (in Russia 1926-30); former member, Kuomintang; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presently in Manchuria.

CHIAO CHEN-SHEN

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1908, Hopei; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1928; did not make the Long March; other information unknown.

WANG WEI-CHOU 王維舟

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; vice-commander, Shansi-Suiyuan Peoples Liberation Army; born 1897, Szechuan; former member, Kuomintang; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1928; made the Long March; probably not connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presently in Shensi.

WAN I 萬毅

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, 1st Column, Liaoning Field Operations Military District, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1909, Liaoning; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1930; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now in Manchuria.

KU TA-TS'UN 古大存

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1900, Kwangtung; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; education, residence in the USSR and present whereabouts unknown; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945.

TSENG CHING-PING 曾鏡冰

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Peoples Liberation Army, Fukien-Chekiang-Kiangsi Border Area; born 1913, Fukien; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1932; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presumably in South China at present.

CH'EN YU 陳郁

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee since 1928; born in Kwangtung; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; head of Youth Section of the Communist Northern Kiangsu Party Affairs Committee, 1947; present whereabouts unknown.

MA MING-FANG

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; assistant secretary, Northwest Politburo; born 1901, Shensi; joined Chinese Communist Party in 1929; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now in North China.

LU CHENG TS'AO 呂正操

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; deputy commander, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1905, Liaoning; former member, Kuomintang; joined Chinese Communist Party c. 1937; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; probably never been abroad; presently in Manchuria.

LO JUI-CHING 羅瑞卿

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; Chief-of-Staff, Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Peoples Liberation Army; born 1907, Szechuan; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1928; made the Long March; connected with the Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now presumably in North China.

LIU TZU-CHIU 刘子久

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1905, Honan; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1928; did not make the Long March; education and residence in the USSR unknown; probably not connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; present whereabouts unknown.

CHANG CHUN-HSUN (Liu Chung-hsun) 張宗遜

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander of a unit in west Shansi; born 1904, Hunan; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1929; made the Long March.

CHEN KENG 陳賡

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; commander, Tai-Yueh Military District, Central China Peoples Liberation Army; born 1904, Hunan of a landlord family; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1927; made the Long March; Chinese and Russian-educated; in Russia, 1926-27; connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; presently in North China.

WANG TSUNG-WU 王從吾

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1903, Hupei; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1929; did not make the Long March.

HSI CHUNG-HSUN 習仲勳

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; Political Director, Northwest Peoples Liberation Army; born 1903, Shensi; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1927; did not make the Long March; probably not connected with Central Executive Committee before April 1945; now in North China.

HSIAO CHING-KUANG 蕭勁光

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; deputy commander, Northeast Peoples Liberation Army; born 1904, Hunan of a military family; Chinese and Russian-educated; in Russia, 1919-1923 and again, 1927-1931; joined the Chinese Communist Party, 1927; former member, Kuomintang; made the Long March; in Manchuria at present.

LIU LAN-T'AO

Alternate member, Central Executive Committee; born 1904, Shensi; joined Chinese Communist Party, 1929; did not make the Long March.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - LIST OF MEMBERS AS OF APRIL 1945

The Seventh Congress of the Chinese Communist Party met in Yenan in April 1945. 44 individuals were elected members of the Central Executive Committee and 33 individuals were named as alternate members of the Central Executive Committee. They were (in the order of their election):

Members	Alternate Members
Mao Tse-tung	Liao Ch'eng-chih*
Chu Te	Wang Chia-chiang*
Liu Shao-ch'i	Ch'en Po-ta*
Jen Pi-shih	Huang K'o-ch'eng (deceased)
Lin Tsu-han	Wang Shou-tao
Lin Piao	Li Yu
Tung Pi-wu	Teng Ying-ch'ao (Mme. Chou En-lai)
Ch'en Yun	Ch'en Shao-min
Hsu Hsiang-ch'ien	Liu Hsiao
Kuan Hsiang-ying (deceased)	T'an Cheng
Ch'en T'an-ch'iu	Cheng Tzu-hua
Kao Kang	Liu Ch'ang-sheng
Li Fu-chun	Su Yu
Jao Shu-shih	Wang Chen
Li Li-san	Sung Jen-ch'iung
Lo Jung-huan	Chang Kuei-chun (Chang Chi-chun)
K'ang Sheng	Yun Tse
P'eng Chen	Chiao Chen-shen
Wang Jo-fei (deceased)	Wang Wei-chou
Chang Yun-i	Wan I
Ho Lung	Ku Ta-ts'un
Ch'en I	Tseng Ching-ping
Chou En-lai	Ch'en Yu
Liu Po-ch'eng	Ma Ming-fang
Cheng Wei-san	Lu Cheng-ts'ao
Chang Wen-t'ien	Lo Jui-ching
Ts'ai Ch'ang (Mme. Li Fu-chun)	Liu Tzu-chiu
Teng Hsiao-p'ing	Chang Chun-hsun (Liu Chung-hsun)
Lu Ting-i	Ch'en Keng
Tseng Sheng	Wang Ts'ung-wu (Wang Chun-wu)
Yeh Chien-ying	Hsi Chung-hsun
Nieh Jung-chen	Hsiao Ching-kuang
P'eng Te-huai	Liu Lan-tao
Teng Tzu-hui	
Wu Yu-chang	
Lin Feng	
Teng Tai-yuan	
Chang Ting-ch'en	
Li Hsien-nien	
Hsu Te-li	
T'an Chen-lin	
Po I-po	
Ch'en Shao-yu	
Ch'in Pang-hsien (deceased)	

*A report of December 1946 states that Liao, Wang and Ch'en are now members of the Central Executive Committee, having replaced the three deceased members. This has not been confirmed, however, and for the purposes of this study are treated as alternate members.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - LIST OF MEMBERS PRIOR TO APRIL 1945

The following individuals have been reported between 1940 and 1945 as having been members of the Central Executive Committee. It is not known whether they were members at the same time or at different times.

Mao Tse-tung
Chou En-lai
Chang Wen-t'ien
Ch'in Pang-hsien
Ch'en Shao-yu
Ho K'o-ch'uan*
Liu Shao-ch'i
Wu Yu-chang
Chu Te
P'eng Te-huai
Lin Piao
Ho Lung
Lin Tsu-han
Tung Pi-wu
Teng Fa (deceased)*
Wu Liang-p'ing*
Yang Shang-k'un*

Lo Mai*
Lu Ting-i
Liu Shao-wen*
Yang Ching-yu*
Ts'ai Shu-fan*
Ch'en Keng
Ch'en Ch'ang-hao*
Kan Ssu-ch'i*
Kao Tzu-li*
Feng Wen-pin*
Chi Ming-hui*
Hsu Hai-tung*
Ts'ai Ch'ang (Mme. Li Fu-chun)
Teng Ying-ch'ao (Mme. Chou En-lai)
Chou Hsin*
Fu Chung*
Wang Chia-chiang

Ts'ai Ch'ien*
Hsiang Ying (deceased)*
Hsiao Ching-kuang
Teng Hsiao-p'ing
Ch'en Kuang*
Kao Kang
Shu T'ung*
Kuan Hsiang-ying
Teng Tai-yuan
Chou Tzu-k'un*
Ch'eng Tzu-hua
Hua Kang*
Liu Ying*
Li Po-ch'ao (Mme. Yang Shang-k'un)*
Wei Kung-chih (Mme. Yeh Chien-ying)*
Hsu Te-li
Chang Ch'in-ch'iu*
Liao Ch'eng-chih
Jen Pi-shih
K'ang Sheng

Li Chih-ming*
Hsu Hsiang-ch'ien
Chang Yun-i
Wang Chen
Hsiao K'o*
Ch'en I
Liu Po-ch'eng
Ch'en Po-chun*
Yeh Chien-ying
Nieh Jung-chen
Liu Tuan-lung*
K'ang K'o-ching (Mme. Chu Te)*
Liu Chun-hsien (Mme. Po Ku)*
Ho Tzu-chen (Mme. Mao Tse-tung)*
Meng Ch'ing-shu*
Ch'eng Fang-wu*
Ch'en Yun
Ho Ch'ang-kung*
Hsieh Chueh-tsai*
Wang Jo-fei

Ch'en Po-ta
Ho Wei*
Lo Ping-hui*
Chang Hao (Lin Yu-ying)*
Tseng Shan*

Li Fu-chun
Lo Jui-ch'ing
P'an Tzu-nien*
Teng Tzu-hui
Chao Yung*

*These individuals were dropped from the membership list in April 1945.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES MADE BY THE SEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS, YENAN, APRIL 1945

If the list of members of the Central Executive Committee for the period 1940-1945 can be assumed to be substantially correct, a comparison of this list with the list of members named in April 1945 reveals that 11 members of the present Central Executive Committee have never before served on the committee and that one (Li Li-san) has been reinstated to the committtee after an absence of 14 years. Of the alternate members, 23 of the individuals are new appointees.

New members of the Central Executive Committee are:

Ch'en T'an-ch'iu	Jao Shu-shih
Li Li-san	Lo Jung-huan
P'eng Chen	Chang Wei-san
Tseng Sheng	Lin Feng
Chang Ting-ch'en	Li Hsien-nien
T'an Chen-lin	Po I-po

New alternate members of the Central Executive Committee are:

Huang K'o-cheng	Wang Shou-tao
Li Yu	Ch'en Shao-min
Liu Hsiao	T'an Cheng
Liu Ch'ang-sheng	Su Yu
Sung Jen-ch'iung	Chang Kuei-chun
Yun Tse	Chiao Chen-shen
Wang Wei-chou	Wan I
Ku Ta-ts'un	Tseng Ching-ping
Lu Cheng-ts'ao	Liu Tzu-chiu
Chang Chun-hsun	Wang Ts'ung-wu
Hsi Chung-hsun	Liu Lan-tao
Ma Ming-fang	

An analysis of the new members of the Central Executive Committee reveals that 7 are political commissars (serving in some cases concurrently as military leaders); 4 are military leaders; and information on one (Ch'en T'an-ch'iu) is lacking. Six of the 12 have never been outside China; two are Russian-returned students, and information on 4 (Ch'en T'an-ch'iu, Cheng Wei-san, Lin Feng, and Po I-po) is not available. Present location of the 12 new members reveals that 4 (Li Li-san, P'eng Chen, Lo Jung-huan, and Lin Feng) are in Manchuria; 1 (Tseng Sheng) is in South China; 5 (Jao Shu-shih, T'an Chen-lin, Chang Ting-ch'en, Cheng Wei-san, and Li Hsien-nien) are in Central China including Shantung; 1 (Po I-po) is in North China; and 1 (Ch'en T'an-ch'iu) is reportedly imprisoned by the Kuomintang.

Information on the new alternate members of the Central Executive Committee reveals that of the 5 (out of 23) on whom information is available, 4 have never been out of China, while 1 (Yun Tse) is a Russian-returned student. The present whereabouts of 12 of the 23 members is known, with 3 being in Manchuria; 3 in Central China (including Shantung) and 6 in North China. Seven of the 23 new alternate members are military leaders, and 9 are political commissars (in some cases concurrently acting as military leaders); while information is lacking on 6, 1 is Assistant Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party's Northwest Bureau.

Tables

III. TABLES

TABLE I. PROVINCE OF BIRTH

	Members	Alternate Members	Total
Hunan	14	11	25
Szechuan	6	2	8
Hupei	3	1	4
Kiangsu	3	1	4
Shansi	3	2	5
Kiangsi	2	0	2
Kwangtung	2	2	4
Fukien	2	2	4
Anhwei	1	1	2
Shensi	1	3	4
Shantung	1	0	1
Kwangsi	1	0	1
Liaoning	1	2	3
Honan	0	2	2
Hopei	0	1	1
Japan	0	1	1
Suiyuan (Mongol)	0	1	1
Unknown	1	0	1
	41	32	73

Note: Three members and one alternate member of the Central Executive Committee have been reported as deceased since the elections in April 1945. The 3 deceased members have been replaced by alternates since 1945 according to report, but in these tables they still appear as alternates and hence the active members are minus 3 of their required number.

TABLE 2. AGE

66-70	3	0	3
61-65	3	0	3
56-60	1	0	1
51-55	4	1	5
46-50	19	3	22
41-45	7	22	29
36-40	3	4	7
31-35	0	1	1
Unknown	1	1	2
	41	32	73

TABLE 3. YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Over 25	12	0	12
23-25	7	1	8
20-22	18	20	38
17-19	2	8	10
14-16	0	1	1
Under 14	0	1	1
Unknown	2	1	3
	41	32	73

TABLE 4. PARTICIPATION IN THE LONG MARCH

Yes	22	14	36
No	11	17	28
Unknown	8	1	9
	41	32	73

TABLE 5. EDUCATION

Entirely Chinese	14	7	21
Russian-returned	16	5	21
French-returned	11	0	11
Japanese-returned	3	1	4
German-returned	2	1	3
American-returned	1	0	1
Unknown	5	21	26

TABLE 6. STUDY OR RESIDENCE IN THE USSR

Yes	21	5	26
No	14	7	21
Unknown	6	20	26
	41	32	73

TABLE 7. PRESENT LOCATION

Manchuria	8	4	12
North China	17	11	28
Central China (including Shantung)	7	4	11
South China (south of the Yangtze)	1	1	2
Unknown	8	12	20
	41	32	73

TABLE 8. PRESENT LOCATION OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER RESIDED IN THE SOVIET UNION

Manchuria	3	2	5
North China	13	2	15
Central China	1	0	1
Unknown	4	1	5
	21	5	26

Table 9.

TABLE 9. APPROXIMATE DATE OF RESIDENCE IN THE SOVIET UNION

	Joined Party	Date in USSR
Chu Te	1922	pre 1927
Liu Shao-ch'i	1922	pre 1927
Jen Pi-shih	1922	pre 1927
Lin Tsu-han	c.1925	1927-1931
Lin Piao	c.1925	1938-1941
Tung Pi-wu (one of Party's founders)		1928-1932
Jao Shu-shih	c.1925	pre 1927
Li Li-san	c.1921	1931-1945
Kang Sheng	1925	mid 1930's
Chou En-lai	1921	1927-1930
Liu Po-cheng	1926	1928-1931
Chang Wen-t'ien	1927	late 1920's
Tsai Chang, Miss	1923	1923; again from 1928-1932; presumably again in 1947.
Lu Ting-i	1924	1927-1928
Yeh Chien-ying	1926	1929-1931
Nieh Jung-chien	1921	pre 192[illegible] and 1927-1931
Peng Te-huai	1927	possibly 1946
Wu Yu-chang	1924	pre 1927 and also 1927-1937
Teng Tai-yuan	1926	unknown
Hsu Te-li	1927	1928-1930
Chen Shao-yu	1927	1925-1927; again in 1929; again 1931-1938
Liao Cheng-chih	1927	1928-1932
Wang Chia-chiang	1927	unknown
Yun Tse	1927	1926-1930
Hsiao Ching-kuang	1927	1919-1923 and 1927-1931
Chen Keng	1927	1926-1927